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Monthly report to the Fort Collins City Council and community

June 13, 2013

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ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

June 18 Regular Meeting

URA Debt Refinance

- The City is owed $16.2 million in loans to the URA.
- Investments in the North College Plan area are now generating Property Tax Increment revenue of $1.3 million annually. Investors buying the debt will offer better terms now that there is an established and 'proven' revenue stream.
- Investor/lenders require a debt reserve fund and coverage ratio of at least 125% to ensure the URA can repay the debt.
- Staff anticipates about $11 million of the $16.2 million can be refinanced.
- The Council Finance Committee reviewed the preliminary refinancing proposal on December 17, 2012 and again on May 20, 2013.

URA North College Storefront Improvement Program

- Council will consider a Resolution formally approving the Storefront Improvement Program for the North College Urban Renewal Area.
- The purpose of the Program is to encourage the voluntary rehabilitation of commercial buildings, improvements and conditions within the North College Urban Renewal Area by offering financial assistance to property owners and/or business tenants seeking to renovate or restore their commercial storefronts and/or building façade.

June 25 Work Session

Council Retreat Follow-up

- The Fort Collins City Council met on May 3 and 4 to conduct their annual planning retreat.
- A primary purpose of the retreat was to review the City's Strategic Plan and the City Key Initiatives for the next 12 to 24 months.
- Information from the Retreat Final Report is being reviewed by the City Manager and staff.
- The purpose of the June 25 Work Session is to determine the Work Plan/Key Initiatives for the Council's term of office (2013-2015).
- The review and discussion will focus on the City's seven Key Outcomes: Economic Health, Environmental Health, Safe Community, Community and Neighborhood Livability, Culture and Recreation, Transportation, and High Performing Government. Council's questions, comments and suggested revisions about the Key Initiatives in each of the Key Outcomes will be addressed.

July 2 Regular Meeting

Harmony Road Enhanced Travel Corridor Plan

- This study is looking to define the next evolution of Harmony Road, with improvements for bicycling, walking and high capacity transit service, all while maintaining a high level of service for cars.
- A draft Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) has been developed as a result of the study effort over the last year, including recommendations for all modes.

Annual Land Use Code Update

- This is a request for a Recommendation to City Council regarding the annual update to the Land Use Code. There are proposed revisions, clarifications and additions to the Code that address a variety of subject areas that have arisen since the last annual update in 2012.
- There are 26 proposed items that change, clarify or add to the Land Use Code. The revisions, by Article, are summarized as follows:
    - Article One: Organization – one change;
    - Article Two: Administration – four changes;
    - Article Three: General Development Standards – nine changes;
    - Article Four: Districts – seven changes;
    - Article Five: Definitions – five changes.

July 9 Work Session

Boards and Commissions Periodic Review

- Each year Council meets with several boards and commissions to review their functions and goals.
- Council will be reviewing the Human Relations Commission, the Planning and Zoning Board, the Women's Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals for this year's Periodic Review.

Amendment 64 Retail Marijuana

- Staff will provide an update on medical marijuana and our local businesses.
- The voters approved Amendment 64 in November and the State legislature has recently passed three bills related to recreational marijuana.
- Amendment 64 gives local jurisdictions three options regarding retail marijuana businesses:
    - Prohibit by ordinance;
    - Refer a prohibition question to the voters (November 2014); or
    - Impose local restrictions on retail establishments.
- Staff will be seeking Council direction on these options.

ECONOMY

FORT COLLINS SALES AND USE TAX

April 2013

Sales tax collections increased 2.5%
Use tax collections excluding rebates decreased 14.8%
Sales and use tax collections excluding rebates decreased 0.6%

2013 YTD

Sales tax collections increased 3.8%
Use tax collections excluding rebates increased 6.4%
Sales and use tax collections excluding rebates increased 4.2%

Capital Expansion Fee Revisions

In the fall of 2012, Finance staff initiated a comprehensive review of the Capital Expansion Fees that were first implemented in 1996. The goal of the review was to ensure that the methodology first implemented was still applicable and to assess the fee structure using current asset data. Staff contracted with Duncan Associates, a nationally known firm that specializes in impact fees, to assist with the fee study.

Fees included in the study are:

- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks (Including a new Trail Impact Fee)
- Fire
- Police
- General Government

Staff presented the information at a February Work Session. Direction was given to do additional public outreach and further vet the topic. Council will review the findings of the study and the feedback from the public outreach and determine if there is interest in proceeding with the fee updates.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

(new information noted in blue text)

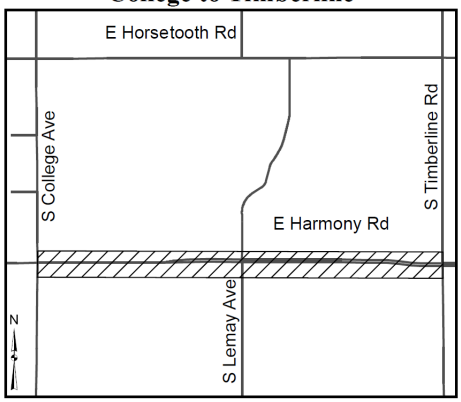
ENGINEERING

HARMONY ROAD MAINTENANCE – COLLEGE TO TIMBERLINE

Funding Source: Harmony Maintenance Fund and Building on Basics (BOB) Funds
Estimated Project Budget: $2.5 million
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- Phase Two of the project will consist of safety improvements and signal upgrades at the Harmony Road and Union Pacific Railroad crossing. The existing railroad equipment does not meet the current code requirements for a six lane roadway crossing.
- The City and Union Pacific have executed all necessary agreements.
- Construction started in May.
- After Union Pacific installs their new facilities, the City will have some minor asphalt patching and striping work to do adjacent to the crossing. Harmony Road will then be a six-lane roadway from Boardwalk to I-25.
- The project website is located at the following link. http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/hmp.php

Harmony Road Maintenance
College to Timberline



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CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS PROJECT

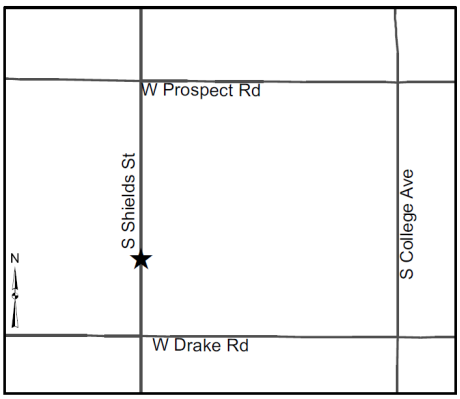
Funding Source: KFCG Funds
Estimated Project Budget: $450,000
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The City of Fort Collins Pedestrian Plan addresses citywide pedestrian needs, and is a data-driven approach based on the importance of safe, sustainable walking within City limits. However, it lacked comprehensive condition data for the City's sidewalk system. Prior to the beginning of the Pedestrian Needs Assessment project, there was not an inventory of existing sidewalks or sidewalk deficiencies. This project provides a complete City sidewalk inventory, identifies sidewalk inadequacies, and identifies inadequate handicap accessibilities according to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
- Data collection has been completed with approximately 540 street miles of sidewalk assessed and inventoried at this time.
- 37,675 accessible ramps have been identified as acceptable, substandard, or missing in accordance with the ADA requirements.
- Staff is implementing a program to determine the level of service for sidewalks. Route events have been created and staff is uploading the data into the software.

- Staff has reviewed and updated the pedestrian needs map with the 2012 departmental street repair data, and is reviewing 2013 current street repair work.
- Staff has implemented a methodology and analysis program used to prioritize pedestrian projects. This program takes into account a variety of factors such as, but not limited to, demand, corridor function, and high priority areas.
- Staff has identified approximately 30 projects for 2013 and has begun to collaborate with various departments to prioritize those projects. Construction began in May.
    - New project: Collaborating with Transfort for Mall Transfer Point sidewalk reconstruction scheduled to begin June 3.
    - New project: Collaborating with Utilities to install a missing sidewalk section along the west side of Landings Drive just south of Spinnaker; scheduled to begin June 10.
    - City Park projects are anticipated to begin construction July 8.
    - Upcoming project locations scheduled are to include Cherry, Linden, Wagner, Vermont, and Lemay.

SOUTH SHIELDS STREET BRIDGE OVER LARIMER CANAL NO. 2
Funding Source: Colorado Off System Bridge Program (BRO) Funds and KFCG 2011
Estimated Project Budget: $1.5 million
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Shields Street Bridge Over Larimer Canal No. 2



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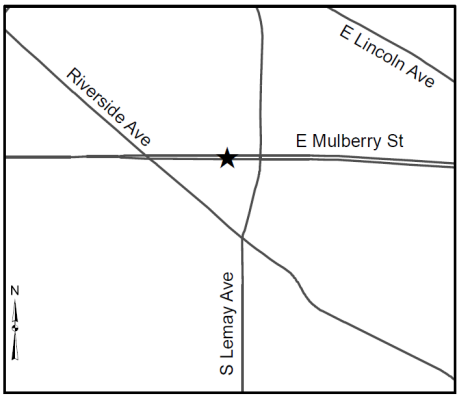
- The main goal of this project is to replace the second worst rated, structurally deficient bridge in the City.
- Construction will include the removal of the existing structure, the construction of a new structure, relocation and upgrading of existing utilities, and the construction of urban design features. The new bridge will be similar in size to the existing bridge.
- The project will be constructed in phases, starting on the east half of the structure, followed by the west half. During construction, traffic lanes will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Bicycles will be asked to merge with traffic or find alternate routes. Pedestrian access will always be available during the duration of the project.
- Nearly all roadway and sidewalk improvements on the west half of the structure are complete. Work on the urban design elements has begun, including construction of decorative columns. All work within the ditch has been completed.
- Substantial completion is expected in mid-June, with Final Acceptance anticipated shortly thereafter.
- Additional project information and information on planned roadway closures can be found at http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/shields-bridge.php

MULBERRY BRIDGE (SH 14) AT THE POUDRE RIVER ENHANCEMENTS
Funding Source: City of Fort Collins
Estimate Project Budget: $750,000
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is replacing the Mulberry Bridge (State Highway 14) over Poudre River Bridge starting in the fall of 2013.
- Due to the construction, eastbound traffic on Mulberry will be detoured for approximately 18 months.
- The City is working with CDOT to add City-funded enhancements to the bridge including decorative railings, landscaping and urban design features.

Mulberry Bridge (SH 14) at the Poudre River Enhancements



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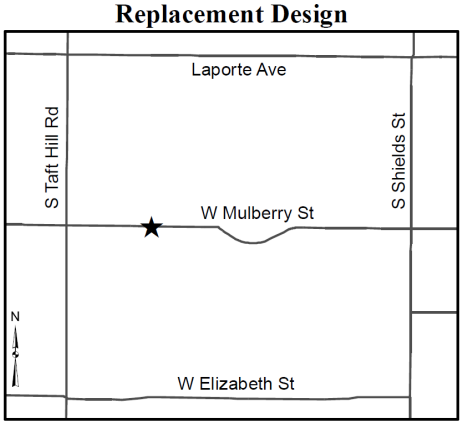
WEST MULBERRY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN
Funding Source: Colorado Off System Bridge Program (BRO) Funds and KFCG 2011
Estimated Project Budget: $1.1 million
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge with a new bridge that meets the current standards.
- The posted weight limit on this bridge precludes the passage of emergency vehicles from the nearby fire station.
- In December 2011, the City received a grant for $700,000 in Colorado Off System Bridge Program (BRO) funds for some of the construction cost.
- Design efforts are underway and will be complete by this fall. Construction is planned for fall 2014.

West Mulberry Bridge Replacement Design



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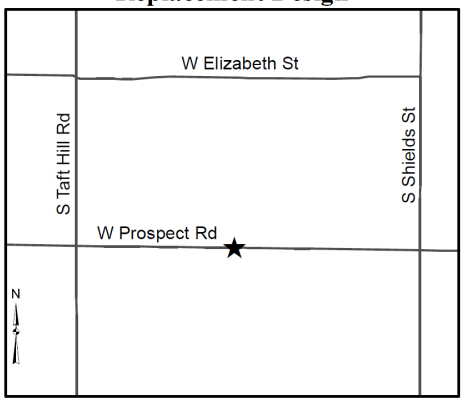
WEST PROSPECT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN
Funding Source: KFCG 2011
Estimated Project Budget: $1.2 million
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge with a new bridge that meets the current standards.
- The State of Colorado inspected this bridge in March 2011 and found significant structural issues resulting in a temporary plate being installed and load posting restricted to 15 tons.

West Prospect Bridge Replacement Design



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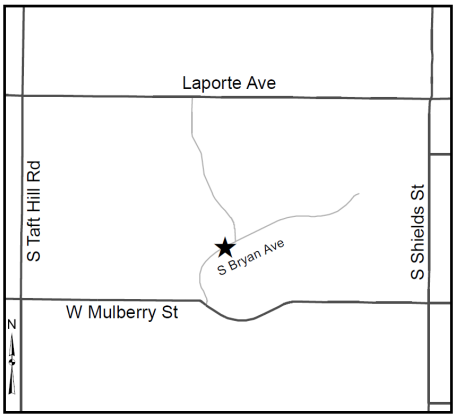
- Design efforts are underway and will be completed by summer 2013.

BRYAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
Funding Source: Colorado Off System Bridge Program (BRO) Funds, City Bridge & KFCG Funds
Estimated Project Budget: $1 million
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge with a new bridge that meets the current standards.
- The posted weight limit on this bridge precludes the passage of emergency vehicles from the nearby fire station.
- The City received a grant for $552,000 in Colorado Off System Bridge Program (BRO) funds to cover some of the project cost.
- Construction is planned for fall 2013.
- A three week full closure is planned for Phase 1 of the construction.

Bryan Bridge Replacement Design



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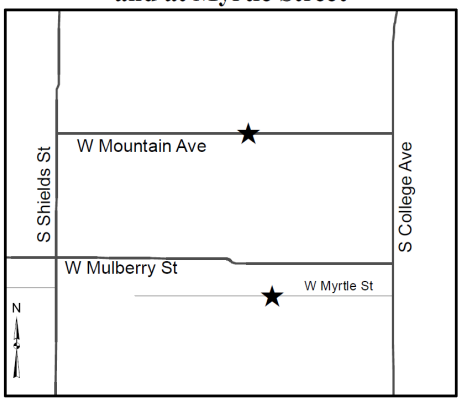
ARTHUR DITCH AT MOUNTAIN AVENUE AND AT MYRTLE STREET
Funding Source: KFCG Funds
Estimated Project Budget: $750,000
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- Replacement of two load posted Arthur Ditch bridges.
- Full closure is planned for removal of existing bridges and the construction of the replacement bridges. Construction will begin fall 2013.
- Access manholes will be added to the new bridges for safety.

Arthur Ditch at Mountain Avenue and at Myrtle Street



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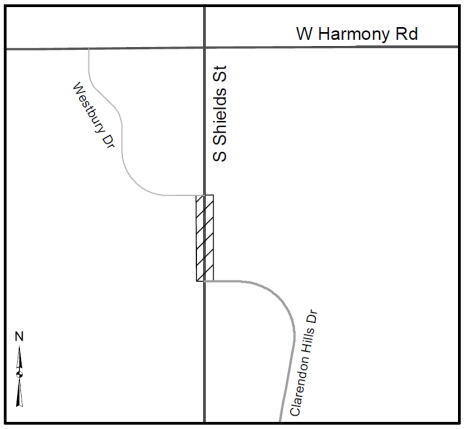
WESTBURY AND SHIELDS IMPROVEMENTS
Funding Source: Building on Basics (BOB) Funds along with Xcel Energy contributions
Estimated Project Budget: $650,000
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of this project is to relieve traffic congestion and vehicle wait time by constructing an additional northbound travel lane on Shields from Clarendon Hills to Westbury.

- The need for this safety and operational improvement was identified in the Engineering Department's recently completed Arterial Intersection Prioritization Study. The lane addition on Shields will improve traffic flow by relieving congestion for northbound traffic, whereby the outside lane will act as a right turn lane during the peak hours and a through lane during the off-peak hours.
- The proposed improvements will reduce the morning peak-hour delay by 18%.
- Xcel Energy will be constructing its West Main Natural Gas Pipeline Replacement Project through this area. The roadway improvements will be coordinated with Xcel's schedule.

Westbury and Shields Improvements



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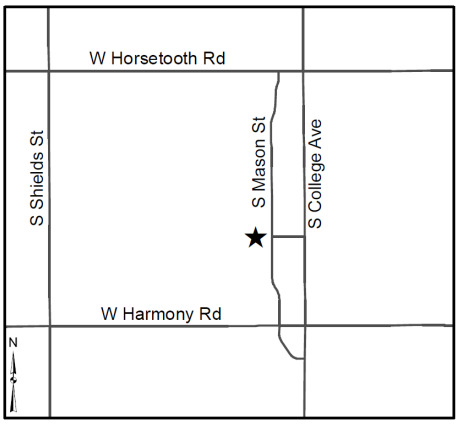
- Southbound Shields has existing curb and gutter along this stretch of roadway. The project will patch two locations southbound, and place a 2-inch asphalt overlay over the entire roadway with new striping.
- We anticipate the work being completed in the summer of 2013.
- The final product will reshape Shields Street to a four-lane arterial with a center left turn lane and on-street bike lanes from Harmony Road to Clarendon Hills Drive (approximately 0.5 miles).
- A public outreach communication plan is being developed and will be implemented with the final design through construction.
- The project website is available on the Engineering homepage at http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/shields-westbury.php

TROUTMAN UNDERPASS
Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant and Building on Basics (BOB) Funds
Estimated Project Budget: $1.5 million
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to construct a new pedestrian/bike underpass that will link the Mason Bike Trail to Troutman Road.
- Steel railing, fencing, and electrical lighting are currently being installed.
- The underpass concrete and railing were painted in May 2013 when overnight temperatures allowed for proper paint curing.

Troutman Underpass



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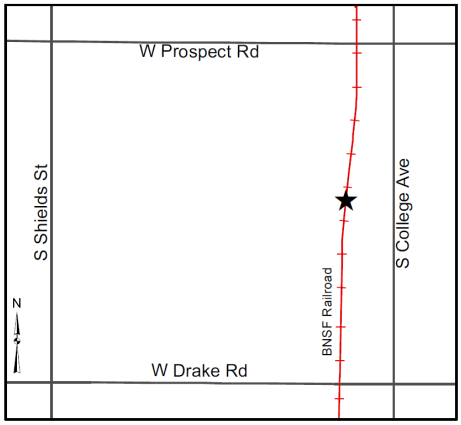
SPRING CREEK (NRRC) OVERPASS
Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant and Building on Basics (BOB) Funds
Estimated Project Budget: $2.75 million
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to construct a new pedestrian/bike overpass that will link the Mason Bike Trail and the federal campus on the west side of the railroad tracks to the Mason Corridor MAX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station on the east side of the tracks.
- All approvals and clearances have been obtained.
- Staff has redesigned the project with ramps instead of elevators.
- The proposed schedule is to complete construction by May 2014 in conjunction with the opening of the MAX BRT.

Spring Creek (NRRC) Overpass



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MASON CORRIDOR MAX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) PROJECT
Funding Source: FTA 80%, Local Match (CDOT SB-1, CDOT FASTER, City, and Downtown Development Authority) 20%
Estimate Project Budget: $87 million
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- Construction work located on Swallow Road was completed on schedule and is now open. The scope of work included drainage, conduit, sidewalk, concrete pavement, and curb and gutter placement.
- McClelland south of Foothills Parkway is now open as crews completed the replacement of the box culvert at the Larimer #2 canal.
- Installation of the Sherwood lateral box culvert has been completed south of Spring Creek at Johnson Drive.
- Station construction has begun at the Laurel Northbound Station.
- Station structures were set at Drake, Horsetooth, Laurel Northbound and Mulberry Northbound.
- Crews continue to work on the aesthetic detailing for the Downtown Transit Center Station, northbound Mountain Station, southbound Mountain Station, southbound Mulberry Station and Olive southbound station.
- Station work continues in various stages at Harmony, Troutman, Horsetooth, Swallow, Drake, University, Mulberry, Olive, and Mountain.
- CEI crews continue to make progress on the drainage installation throughout the project area.
- Conduit installation for the MIS duct bank is also ongoing and approximately 296 feet have been installed this month.
- Construction for the super-structure of the bridge at Mail Creek continues to advance with backfilling of abutments and rebar installation for the approach slabs. The bridge deck was placed in May.

- Growling Bear continues construction of the South Transit Center including detention pond grading, utilities, installation of structural concrete columns and beams, and structural steel framing.
- Heath Construction continues work on the Maintenance Facility Expansion with interior building work, site work and relocation of utilities. The building has been erected and the interior concrete floors placed.

UTILITIES (project location maps will be provided next month)

WEST VINE OUTFALL CHANNEL

Project Description: This is a joint project between the City and Larimer County to design and construct a stormwater outfall channel for the West Vine Basin to the Poudre River. The project is being coordinated with Larimer County's widening of Shields Street from the Arthur Ditch to Willox.
Project Status: Alternative Analysis Phase completed; negotiating with land owners.
Anticipated Completion Date: Preliminary design underway; construction in the fall
Ahead/Behind/or on Schedule: On Schedule
Total Project Budget: Alternatives Analysis Phase ($104,000); Final Design ($243,000); Total Project Cost $2.4 Million
Budget Status: $219,000 spent to date. Project is within budget.
Highlights:

- Cost estimates of alternatives have been developed.
- The two property owners (Arnett and Scott) have been presented with a proposal to purchase land for the project.
- Working on collaboration with Natural Areas.
- Preliminary Design for the Water Quality area north of Vine Drive and the Outfall to the Poudre River has begun.
- Currently working on the Intergovernmental Agreement for construction with Larimer County.
- Purchase Agreements for Land Acquisition from Arnett and Scott nearly complete.

WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM - SMOKE TESTING

Project Description: This project will identify defects in the sanitary sewer system that lead to excess flow at the wastewater treatment plant. The project involves blowing smoke into manholes in the area of concern and identifying locations where smoke comes to the surface. Measures will be taken to minimize the risk of smoke entering homes and businesses. Flow monitoring data since 2009 was used to identify areas throughout town that should be tested for possible defects.
Project Status: The testing is planned to start in mid-March.
Anticipated Completion Date: Ongoing
Ahead/Behind/or on Schedule: On Schedule
Total Project Budget: The project is being conducted with City staff.
Budget Status: Budget is minimal other than staff time.

Highlights:

- Flow monitoring has been conducted for the majority of the system since 2009.
- Smoke Testing plan for the spring of 2013 has been developed.
- A public relations plan is being developed.
- The neighborhood surrounding Irish Elementary was tested the week of March 25.
- North College sub-basin was tested during the week of April 1.

LAPORTE AVENUE TRANSMISSION MAIN REHABILITATION

Project Description: Decommissioning of Utilities' 27-inch water transmission main in LaPorte Avenue between Grandview Avenue and the pressure relief vault at Impala Street. LaPorte Avenue is scheduled for paving west of Taft Hill Road by the Streets Department in the summer of 2013. The project involves removing services and distribution lines from the 27-inch steel line and tapping them into the 27- inch concrete line. The steel main will then be cut, drained and plugged.

Project Status: Project started construction May 2013

Anticipated Completion Date: Work to be completed by July 15, 2013.

Ahead/Behind/or on Schedule: On Schedule

Total Project Budget: $425,000.00

Budget Status: On Budget

Highlights:

- Entire 27-inch steel main between PRV and Grandview Avenue to be abandoned by mid-summer 2013.

WEST VINE SLIPLINING

Project Description: Sliplining of the 27-inch steel transmission main with 12-inch HDPE between 48-inch steel waterline north of Vine Drive and 8-inch distribution main in Sunset Court. The new 12-inch HDPE line will also be connected to the new 12-inch and existing 6-inch mains in Vine Drive.

Project Status: Project started in May 2013

Anticipated Completion Date: Work to be completed by July 1, 2013.

Ahead/Behind/or on Schedule: On Schedule

Total Project Budget: $260,000.00

Budget Status: On Budget

Highlights:

- Entire 27-inch steel main between PRV and 48-inch steel waterline to be abandoned by mid-summer 2013.

42-INCH SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND 12-INCH WATER MAIN RELOCATIONS AT MULBERRY BRIDGE

Project Description: In order to accommodate the construction of the new bridge over the Poudre River on Mulberry Street by CDOT, conflicting utility lines must be relocated. At CDOT expense, the 42-inch sanitary sewer main and the 12-inch water main will be relocated to the north to a location that will not conflict with the new, wider bridge. The project will include

the relocation design, permitting, and relocation construction necessary to remove the utility lines from conflict with the new bridge.
Project Status: On schedule. Intergovernmental Agreement for both design and construction phase in place. Project funded by CDOT.
Anticipated Completion Date: June 15, 2013.
Ahead/Behind/or on Schedule: 1 month behind schedule due to wet spring weather conditions.
Total Project Budget: $942,000
Budget Status: Within budget
Highlights:

- Water, sewer, communications conduit, and power conduit constructed through the river. Project crew was able to save the project money by placing the electric and communications conduits in the 42-inch sewer encasement.
- Project design and construction using Utilities Alternative Product Delivery System approved by CDOT.
- Relocation of large utility mains under the Poudre River presents numerous engineering and construction management challenges.
- There are many existing utility conflicts and relocations required to allow for the new 42-inch sewer and the 12-water main.

BOX ELDER CREEK OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS
Project Description: Large, regional flood control project to be designed and constructed under Intergovernmental Agreements with Timnath Development Authority and Boxelder Basin Stormwater Authority. Project involves channel grading and road crossing improvements from I-25 to the Poudre River along the Boxelder Creek Corridor.
Project Status: Engineering contract in place. Conceptual level cost estimate in preparation.

- Preliminary Design: May 2013 – October 2013
- CLOMR Submittal: October 2013
- Right of Way Requirements: May 2013 – June 2014
- Final Design and Permitting Requirements: October 2013 – April 2014
- Construction: July – December 2014

Anticipated Completion Date: December 30, 2014
On Schedule: On Schedule
Total Project Budget: $2,900,000
Budget Status: Within Budget
Highlights: Scope of work for preliminary design in place

CATHODIC PROTECTION OF WATER TREATMENT AND TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER LINES
Project Description: Investigation of existing systems in place used to protect water lines from corrosion; design of rehabilitation of existing and new systems to prevent corrosion; and construction of modified and new systems.
Project Status: On Schedule.
Anticipated Completion Date: This is an ongoing project
Ahead/Behind/or on Schedule: On schedule
Total Project Budget: $552,000 (2013)

Budget Status: Within Budget
Highlights:

- Working with consultant and contractor on testing current cathodic protection levels and locations, and installing modified and new systems where needed.
- Modified the cathodic protection test sites on the raw water line going into the treatment plant in March 2012.
- Took readings and conducted continuity testing of AB line, Mulberry, Lemay, and Lincoln lines.
- Designing rectifiers and locations for rectifiers along the AB line and at the WTP.
- Prepared legal exhibits and obtaining easements for the rectifier locations along the AB line.
- Obtained contractor work order for cathodic protection work in preparation for anode and rectifier installation at the WTF.
- Meeting with other water districts to discuss cathodically bonding to their systems which cross the City's system.
- Working with contractor on costs to install rectification system in order to determine budget needed for 2013 and 2014.
- Anode ground beds and rectifiers to be installed starting mid-July at the WTP.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) WATER AND SEWER RELOCATES
Project Description: Relocation and protection of major water and sewer utility lines due to the construction of the BRT.
Project Status: Utility projects complete; working on administrative issues, including invoices, Buy America requirements, and completion reports.
Anticipated Completion Date: Winter 2011 – Fall 2013; Utility project work completed
Ahead/Behind/or on Schedule: Ahead of schedule; project work complete March 2013
Total Project Budget: $1,250,000
Budget Status: Within Budget
Highlights:

- All Utilities impacted by the BRT have been identified and cost estimates were developed.
- Coordination with the BRT continues.
- Contract for design services completed; construction contracts for all identified projects in effect.
- Council approved reallocation of water and wastewater budget.
- Completed Prospect water line move and sanitary sewer replacements.
- Water Utility work in Prospect completed the second week in March.
- Utility administrative (invoices and other paperwork) work in progress.

STREAM REHABILITATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
Project Description: Stream restoration and habitat enhancement across City including stabilizing stream channel morphology, restoring/creating new native in-stream and riparian habitat to attract and support native fish and wildlife populations, and promote BMPs to improve water quality. First watershed in program is Fossil and Mail Creek.
Project Status: Working with consultant on design.

Anticipated Completion Date: First project design to be complete by fall 2013 with construction to begin fall of 2014.
Ahead/Behind/or on Schedule: Project on schedule
Total Project Budget: $600,000 each year
Budget Status: Within Project Budget
Highlights:

- Conducted several vision meetings and site visits.
- Met with Corps of Engineers representative to discuss Individual Permit requirements; may conduct "Threatened and Endangered Species" survey and other items which will not fit timeframe for construction this fall, so preliminarily scheduled for fall 2014.
- Conducted vision charette in February.
- Draft Vision report complete, sent to appropriate interested parties.
- Working on design with contractor and consultant.

RIGDEN WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR
Project Description: The project will consist of the construction of a gravel pit water storage reservoir to include a pump station and associated piping. The project is located northeast of the Ziegler Road and Horsetooth Road intersection. Purpose of the storage is to retime flows to meet water rights return flow obligations and meet augmentation requirements. Project is a cooperative effort with Natural Areas and Parks.
Project Status: On Schedule
Anticipated Completion Date: Design complete in 2013; construction in 2014
Ahead/Behind/or on Schedule: On Schedule
Total Project Design Budget: $336,112
Total Project Construction Budget: $9,500,000
Budget Status: Preliminary Design is complete; final design has begun.
Highlights:

- Anderson Consulting is preparing the final design.
- City Attorneys are preparing the draft purchase agreement.
- Acquisition costs are finalized.
- Cost estimate and schedule are being updated.
- The size of the reservoir is being increased from 1400 ac/ft to 1970 ac/ft.

PLEASANT VALLEY PIPELINE FOREBAY SEDIMENTATION POND
Project Description: Design and construction of a Sedimentation Pond at the turnout structure for the Pleasant Valley Pipeline, to remove sedimentation from Poudre River raw water before it goes into the pipeline. The unusual sedimentation load is being caused by the effects of the High Park Fire.
Project Status: Phase I construction, work that would be affected by the use of the Munroe Canal, is substantially complete as of March 31. Phase II construction began March 15 and will continue until mid-June.
Anticipated Completion Date: Phase I – April 1 2013; Phase II – June 2013
Ahead/Behind/or on Schedule: On Schedule
Total Project Budget: $1,700,000
Budget Status: On Budget

Highlights:

- Selected Ayres Associates on February 5, 2013 as consultant for the design and construction administration phases.
- Executed Permission to Enter document with property owner, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District.
- Phase I design completed February 25, 2013; issued Notice to Proceed to Hydro Construction. Began mobilization.
- Excavated to pond bottom and constructed embankment surrounding pond.
- Excavated for and constructed inlet structure and backfilled.
- Installed slide gates at inlet structure.
- Cut new gate opening in existing PVP inlet structure and installed new 3' x 9' RCBC at opening.
- Graded pond bottom in preparation for footers/slab segments.
- Installed 9' x 3' RCBC pond outlet and backfilled.
- Installed perimeter drain and dry manhole drain.
- Formed and poured weir wall structure.
- Installed concrete footers, slab segments and knee walls on north, east and south sides of pond. Concrete work approximately 1/3 complete.
- Completed all concrete work, including floor slab, knee walls, inlet structure and truck ramp.
- Caulked all construction and expansion joints in floor slab and knee walls.
- Soil pond slopes have been cut, graded and finished for installation of polyethylene liner.
- Finished connections of the perimeter drain.
- Site mostly rough graded, including sludge drying ramp and impoundment area.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY YARD PIPING MODIFICATIONS

Project Description: Design and construction of a new 48-inch diameter steel, raw water pipeline to replace the aged 30- and 36-inch Horsetooth raw water pipelines, and a new 36-inch diameter steel backwash pump station influent line to replace the existing cast iron pipeline. Both of these pipelines have shown damage due to electrolysis. The finished water backwash influent line is also located under an existing sludge drying pond, increasing the possibility of cross contamination.

Project Status: Kicked off design May 2013.

Anticipated Completion Date: Design scheduled to be complete by September 2013; construction will follow in October 2013.

Ahead/Behind/or on Schedule: On Schedule

Total Project Budget: $1,550,000

Budget Status: On Budget

Highlights:

- Selected design engineer, CH2M HILL ENGINEERS, and contractor, Hydro Construction Company.
- Executed design contract with CH2M HILL.
- Design Kickoff meeting held May 1, 2013.
- Gathering information and evaluating alternative alignments.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fort Collins Studio Tour & Preview Exhibition	
Location:	Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia
Date/Time:	Friday, June 14, 2013 10:00 AM
Details:	The Fort Collins Studio Tour is a free, self-guided tour of over 40 local artist studios on Saturday, June 22nd and Sunday, June 23rd, 10am-5pm, both days. Meet the artists and learn about their artistic process. You'll also have the opportunity to purchase artwork directly from the studios. Visit the Lincoln Center Art Galleries from June 14 - 29 to view sample artwork by each of the artists on the tour and pick up a free map to all the studios. Opening Reception: Friday, June 14th, 5-7 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday–Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday 12 – 6 p.m., and evenings during most theatre performances at Lincoln Center. Free maps are available at the Lincoln Center, Gardens on Spring Creek, Senior Center, Northside Aztlan Center, and the Poudre River Libraries.
Web address:	http://www.fcgov.com/studiotour
Contact Information:	Jeanne Shoaff Phone: (970) 416-2737; E-mail address: jshoaff@fcgov.com
Natural Area Adult Night Walk	
Location:	Location provided at registration
Date/Time:	Sunday, June 23, 2013 8:00 PM
Details:	Adults and accompanied children 16 and older experience a quiet walk with information about the night, and time for reflection in the moonlight. Dress warmly, bring water. Two miles, easy. REGISTRATION REQUIRED at https://naturetracker.fcgov.com
Web address:	http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas
Contact Information:	Deborah Price Phone: 970-416-2815; E-mail address: naturalareas@fcgov.com
Poudre River Projects Open House	
Location:	Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia, Canyon West Room
Date/Time:	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 4:00 PM
Details:	Over 25 City-sponsored projects along the Cache La Poudre River corridor will be happening soon! Come learn about them all, and give your feedback at this interactive open house.
Contact Information:	Zoe Whyman, Natural Areas Community Relations Manager Phone: 970-221-6311; E-mail address: zwhyman@fcgov.com

To view the full calendar of events, visit http://www.fcgov.com/events/

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

FORT COLLINS POLICE SERVICES

Call Load
In May 2013, officers responded to 9,000 incidents resulting in 1,755 cases compared to 9,215 incidents and 1,760 cases for the same period last year. Year-to-date totals reflect a decrease in both categories when compared to the same period last year.

	2012 YTD	2013 YTD
Incidents	42339	40396
Cases	8037	7702

National Police Week: Honoring and Remembering Fallen Law Enforcement Officers
Fort Collins joined communities across the United States during National Police Week, May 12-18, to honor and remember law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the family members, friends and fellow officers left behind. This year, the names of 320 officers killed in the line of duty were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. Four Fort Collins Police Officers joined 350 other officers from the Southern California chapter of the Police Unity Tour and finished the last leg of a three-day cycling tour from New Jersey to Washington, DC to honor the thousands of fallen officers whose names are etched on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Memorial. The Unity Tour was established several years ago to raise money for the Memorial and the needs of family and friends who have lost loved ones. All together approximately 2400 riders from across the globe raised $1.72 million this year alone. The ride officially marked the beginning of National Police Week.

Facebook Case Concluded
The investigation into the March Facebook incident where students posted derogatory comments about others on sites launched by an anonymous person(s) has concluded. One 18-year-old Poudre School District student has been issued a summons for misdemeanor harassment after investigators and the District Attorney determined probable cause existed to support the charge. As part of the investigation, officers reviewed over 400 documents, several thousand posts, photographs, and messages and issued a search warrant to Facebook and the Internet Service Provider, yet they were not able to develop conclusive information as to the identity of the creator of the page.

Seeking Victim Advocates
Fort Collins Police and the Larimer County Sheriff's Office are looking for compassionate and caring people to act in the capacity of volunteer victim advocates. Victim advocates are trained to offer emotional support and crisis intervention to crime victims as well as provide information on the criminal justice system, resources in the community, aid in acquiring emergency shelter, and facilitate other immediate needs. They also conduct follow-up assistance by providing victim compensation benefits information as well as updates on the status and progression of a

victim's case through preliminary stages of the judicial system. For more information, about the program, contact Melissa Funk, Victim Services Supervisor at (970) 224-6089 or mfunk@fcgov.com

Annual Awards Ceremony
The 21st Annual Fort Collins Police Services Awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at the Fort Collins Hilton, 425 West Prospect Road. The event opens at 3:00 p.m. and presentations begin at 3:30 p.m. This year's event will honor citizens and police employees with awards and citations. Medals will also be presented to police employees for outstanding police actions. This year's ceremony will be especially meaningful to the Fort Collins Community and Fort Collins Police Services employees as it will include a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Fort Collins Police Services.

Citizen Academy Applications
Fort Collins Police Services is accepting applications for the fall Citizen Police Academy scheduled to begin in August. The academy is a great opportunity for citizens to learn more about their police department. Participants must be 18+ years of age; there is no fee to attend. The academy will meet one evening a week for eleven weeks on topics covering the K-9 unit, gang unit, crime scene investigations, officer survival techniques, the District One project and many other components of policing in Fort Collins. Academy members will participate in a ride-along with a police officer at least once. The deadline for submission of applications is July 19.

Fort Collins Police Services Turns 100!

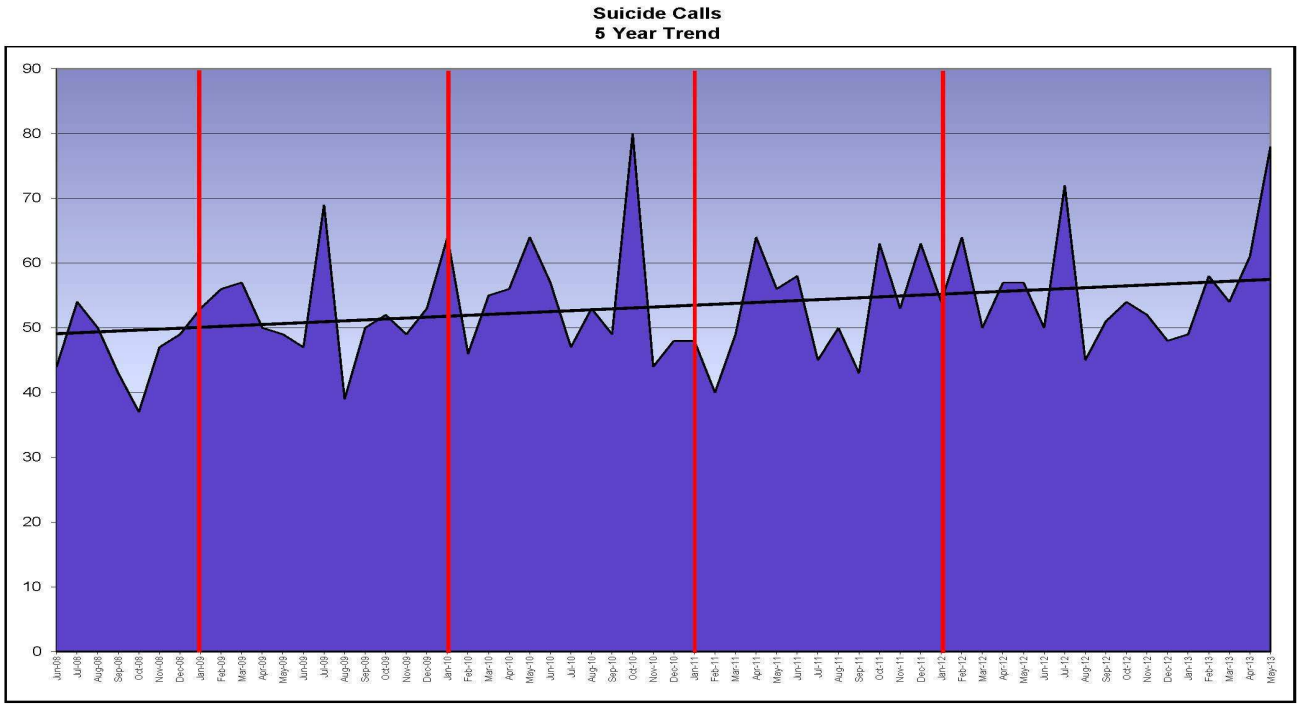
2013 marks the 100-Year Anniversary of Fort Collins Police Services (FCPS). Its long and rich history can be traced back to the late 1800's when Edwin Lakin Peterson was elected to serve as the first Constable in 1873, followed by a system of other constables and marshals until 1913 when the Police Department was officially formed. The recognition that citizens deserved full-time, professional law enforcement was an important step in the evolution of the community.

To commemorate this historic event, Police Services is planning a year of celebration with many activities to honor the past. This year, FCPS will be featured in the City's 4th of July parade down Mountain Avenue with Chief John Hutto as the Grand Marshall. The parade is a family event starting at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited and encouraged to line West Mountain Avenue to cheer and thank the police for all they do to protect and keep the community safe.

Crime Trends
The number of suicide calls is starting to move upward after a leveling off period experienced in the past 18 to 24 months. May 2013 had the second highest number of suicide calls in the past 5 years, with 78.

Other counties in Colorado are also seeing an increase in suicide calls this year. This troubling trend has a wide effect on the community as a whole. Due to their nature, suicide calls pose a

significant risk to law enforcement personnel. Suicide calls require more than one officer to respond and can be lengthy in nature, tying up resources.



Lori Frank, Crime Analyst

Crime Prevention
During May, the Crime Prevention Specialist interacted with 150 people and handled 33 telephone calls on topics ranging from setting up a neighborhood safety event for Harvest Park to working with parents from Laurel Elementary School on ways to deal with an aggressive bicyclist. Presentations included two sessions with Farmer's Bank staff on robbery prevention and another Neighborhood Watch meeting at the Harmony Mobile Home Park.

A breakdown of the month's Crime Prevention activities follows:

- Robbery Prevention Farmer's Bank - 20 attended
- Neighborhood Watch 2500 E. Harmony - 15 attended
- RESTORE - 35 attended
- Child Safety Kidz Town - 18 attended
- Neighborhood Watch (Sherwood Shores) - 13 attended
- Breakwater neighbor problem - 2 attended
- Child Safety Wee Cuddlers - 12 attended
- Child Safety Emmas Road Church - 35 attended

Crime Prevention Tip:
Now that school is out and vacations may be starting, don't forget to keep your homes safe and secure. Don't leave mail and newspapers collecting in piles, make sure that your house looks

lived in, doors AND windows should be locked, and have at least one exterior light on a photo cell that comes on at night.

Remember the crime triangle below:

POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY

Fire at Buffalo Run Apartment Building

Firefighters responded to the report of an early morning apartment fire on May 21 where they faced a large amount of fire on the exterior of a three-story, wood-frame building. The fire was spreading quickly up the wall and into the attic, and into individual units. With the help of Fort Collins Police Officers and other residents, all occupants were evacuated safely. In the meantime firefighters also launched aggressive interior search and suppression efforts in the units most threatened by fire. A defensive fire attack strategy had to be used within 12 minutes of arrival by the first engine due to the collapse and pending collapse of the roof and ceilings.

Firefighters were aided by a fire sprinkler system in the building; however, these systems are not normally installed in attic spaces and the exterior, therefore, the fire spread was quick. The building has 24 total units: there was heavy damage to six units; moderate damage to four units; and light, mostly water and smoke damage to two units.

The PFA Customer Assistance Response Team (CART) worked with the Red Cross to provide displaced residents assistance with immediate food, clothing, housing and medication needs.

Assisting agencies: City of Fort Collins Police Services, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority, Poudre Emergency Communications Center, PVH/UC Health Emergency Services, Red Cross, and the Wellington Fire Protection District.

PFA investigators have determined the origin was on a second floor balcony on the exterior of the building. The cause was accidental, improperly discarded smoking materials.

Cinco De Mayo
The PFA Safety House joined in the festivities at the Cinco De Mayo Festival held at the Aztlan Community Center. The crew was well received and was able to have some great community outreach with the crowds.

New Phone Message Line
PFA placed a new public information and education line into service this month. The new line, 970-416-2440, will be changed on a weekly basis to assist customers with fire and life safety information. Additionally, this line can be used to promulgate emergency information.

CityWorks 101
PFA hosted another event to allow citizens to learn about different City services. PFA crews took part in this very worthwhile community centered program that educates citizens about the inner workings of certain governmental departments. PFA crews were able to give the group of 'students' general information about PFA, in addition to demonstrations of a vehicle extrication, and the opportunity to spray a fire hose and witness what it is like for fire and ambulance crews to work together to save a 'patient' in cardiac arrest.

Children's Water Festival
Each spring, approximately 1,700 third-grade students and teachers from public, private and home schools attend the festival. Sponsored by Fort Collins Utilities, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD) and the Bureau of Reclamation, the festival is packed with fun, hands-on activities that teach students about water.

Students spend half a day attending classroom presentations, visiting many displays in the exhibit hall, competing in a friendly trivia contest and watching a "mad scientist" perform experiments. The Fort Collins Children's Water Festival is the longest running festival in the state.

PFA attended this event to teach students about water and fire. And, of course, the chance to spray a real fire hose.

Incident Statistics (by category)

Report Period: May 2013		Total Loss
Fires	42	**$882,305**
Overpressure/rupture, explosion-no fire	3	
Rescue / EMS	1,075	
Hazardous Condition - no fire	25	
Service Call	64	
Good Intent Call	127	
False Alarms / False Calls	83	
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	
Special Incident Type	5	
Total =	**1,424**	

YEAR-TO-DATE 2013		Total Loss
Fires	157	**$1,485,151**
Overpressure/rupture, explosion-no fire	5	
Rescue / EMS	4,961	
Hazardous Condition - no fire	138	
Service Call	303	
Good Intent Call	492	
False Alarms / False Calls	487	
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	
Special Incident Type	12	
Total =	**6,555**	

Comparison: May 2012		Total Loss
Fires	48	**$120,050**
Overpressure/rupture, explosion-no fire	1	
Rescue / EMS	993	
Hazardous Condition - no fire	34	
Service Call	66	
Good Intent Call	90	
False Alarms / False Calls	65	
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	
Special Incident Type	12	
Total =	**1,309**	

Comparison: YEAR-TO-DATE 2012		Total Loss
Fires	192	**$756,931**
Overpressure/rupture, explosion-no fire	4	
Rescue / EMS	4,658	
Hazardous Condition - no fire	119	
Service Call	366	
Good Intent Call	441	
False Alarms / False Calls	434	
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	
Special Incident Type	32	
Total =	**6,246**	

*Information subject to change due to updated data.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

	2012 YTD	2013 YTD	% Change
Development Project Submittals Received	112	145	+ 30%
Conceptual/Staff Reviews Performed	83	117	+ 41%
Building Permits Issued	3,072	2,516	-18%
Building Inspections Performed	12,471	12,527	+1%
Plan Reviews Performed	774	865	+12%

General Fund Development Review revenues are approximately $480,000 above projections for 2013 as of May 31.

Development Projects of note:

- Link-N-Greens/Woodward: The project was approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on February 21, 2013 and became effective March 7, 2013. The proposed easements required for the project and a Business Assistance package were approved by City Council April 2, 2013. Final plan submittal is pending.
- Foothills Mall Redevelopment: The project was approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on February 7, 2013. Consideration of public financing options by City Council is currently underway with the next meeting scheduled for May 7, 2013. Final plans were submitted and reviewed on June 5, 2013. A second round of review is required. There are some current concerns on ditch alignment on the west side of College Avenue.
- Mason Mixed Use Build: This proposal is for a 6-story, mixed-use building that will include restaurant, office and residential components. It is currently in the Preliminary Design Review stage.
- Construction Projects of Note
    - 30,000 square foot addition for the Cancer Center at the Harmony Campus.
    - 5-story, 46,286 square foot, new mixed-use commercial building for Otterbox.

Other items of note:

- Landmark Rehabilitation Program: Council approved appropriation of an additional $33,000 for this program on June 4, 2013. This additional support will allow several unfunded historic protection and revitalization projects to move forward.
- Technology Efforts
    - An update on development review transparency efforts was provided to City Council on May 28, 2013, including a demonstration of the improved project table and website upgrades. Additionally, numerous outreach efforts related to this item occurred during May including a CityNews article, social media posts/tweets, a www.fcgov.com spotlight, posters/handouts in the Development Review lobby, a news release, and articles in Neighborhood News and the Economic e-newsletter. Feedback to date has been very positive.

- Electronic Document Review: Community Development & Neighborhood Services was awarded $30,000 from the City's Innovation Fund for these efforts. The initial focus will be e-review for building permit submittals. Acquisition of the necessary hardware components as well as outreach to the vendor to start configuration of a new Accela module have begun.

- Oil & Gas: An informal open house to discuss this topic was held on May 8, 2013 from 6-8 p.m. at the Lincoln Center. The meeting focused on the operator agreement and the impacted neighborhoods around Fort Collins Field and UDA. There were between 120-140 citizens in attendance. This item is scheduled to go to a Council Work Session on June 25 to discuss extending the existing moratorium, as well as potential local regulations and related public outreach.
- Land Use Code Amendments: Addition of parkway landscaping amendments were approved on second reading May 7, 2013.
- Development Projects Under Appeal
  - 621 South Meldrum Street multi-family project – Appeal was heard on May 7, 2013. Council upheld the decision of the Administrative Hearing Officer and approved the PDP and Modification of Standard as submitted.
  - Carriage House Apartments – Appeal was heard on May 21, 2013. Council upheld the Planning & Zoning Board's decision and approved the project.
  - Max Flats multi-family project – Appeal was heard on June 4, 2013. Council approved the project with modifications.